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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant submits the following response in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed December 15, 2005. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. No fees should be required for entry of this response. However, if any fees are required for entry of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct them from Deposit Account 18-1167.